



Rubén Hinojosa
The 15th Congressional District of Texas



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HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GRANT FOR THE REGION ONE EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER

Washington, DC – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced that the U.S. Department of Education’s Teaching American History Grants Program has awarded the Region One Education Service Center \$1,436,235 in funding over a three-year period.

Project LLH is designed in response to the results of a survey administered in May 2005 to K-8 history teachers across the region inquiring about their history professional development needs. In addition, Region One ESC has established a consortium comprised of 13 school districts and the University of Texas – Pan American, Law Related Education, Inc., Museum of South Texas History, Teacher Curriculum Institute, Plymouth Plantation, and Palo Alto Battlefield. One hundred Region One history teachers in grades K-8 will advance their understanding of American history under the guidance of academic and professional historians. Through colloquia, seminars, lectures, presentations, readings and trips to history sites throughout the United States and Texas, teachers will acquire hands-on knowledge and can integrate this back into the classroom.

Region One ESC will use the funds toward its Project Learning and Living History (Project LLH): “A Journey of Learning History and Bringing History to Life” program. The goals of the program are to prepare 100 uncertified teachers in grades K-8 to: be highly qualified in American history; improve students’ critical academic and reading skills in American history; use engaging instructional strategies to motivate students to learn about American history; and, successfully transition to teaching American history as a separate subject.

“Providing teachers with an opportunity to develop a greater understanding, and appreciation for, American history is a tremendous experience,” said Hinojosa. “The wealth of knowledge these teachers gain will be passed onto their students, who can then achieve more and become excited about history, too.”

Region One ESC serves approximately 352,747 students, of which 299,608 students are economically disadvantaged and 139,871 are Limited English Proficient.

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HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES E-RATE GRANTS FOR 15TH DISTRICT

Washington, DC – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced that the 15th Congressional District has received funding under the E-Rate program, which provides discounts between 20 and 90 percent to schools and libraries for the cost of education technology (Internet Access and Telecom Services). The funding represents discounts that schools will receive for specific technology needs, including Internet services and access, telecommunications, and internal connections needed to bring information straight to schools and libraries.

“As our world continues to become more and more interconnected, we need to ensure that our classrooms do the same,” said Hinojosa. “These funds will help teachers and administrators teach our children in a 21st Century classroom and ensure that they’re ready to tackle all the challenges of a global marketplace.”

The E-Rate program will provide more than \$2.1 billion in discounts to tens of thousands of schools, with the costs being covered by the Universal Service Fund, until the fund is exhausted. The E-Rate’s first funding priority is for telecommunications services and Internet access, and the second funding priority is for internal connections and wiring at schools and libraries.

Recipients include:

- Goliad ISD – \$47,725.56
- Weslaco ISD – \$37,993.03
- Sweet Home ISD - \$7,653.96
- Cuero ISD – \$44,121.07
- San Patricio County Technology Consortium (Odem) – \$19,788.24
- Vysehrad ISD (Hallettsville) – \$8,549.86



HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES GRANT FOR UTPA

Washington, DC – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has awarded The University of Texas – Pan American with a grant of \$100,493 for scholarships for disadvantaged students.

The Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students program is administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration under the Department of Health and Human Services. This program promotes diversity among health professions students and practitioners by making grants to eligible health professions and nursing schools to award scholarships to students from disadvantaged backgrounds, who have financial need for scholarships and are enrolled, or accepted for enrollment, as full-time students at the schools.

“Rural communities face many challenges that urban communities do not,” said Hinojosa. “In many regions throughout the country, there is a serious shortage of trained allied

health professionals, nurses, and doctors. These scholarships will help encourage students to pursue these types of careers and give them an opportunity to obtain a college degree.”

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the primary Federal agency for improving access to health care services for people who are uninsured, isolated or medically vulnerable.

Comprising five bureaus and 12 offices, HRSA provides leadership and financial support to health care providers in every state and U.S. territory. HRSA grantees provide health care to uninsured people, people living with HIV/AIDS, and pregnant women, mothers and children. They train health professionals and improve systems of care in rural communities.



HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT GRANTS FOR 15TH DISTRICT

Washington, DC –Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded organizations in the district with grants under the Capital Fund Program.

The Capital Fund is a formula grant, which is awarded on an annual basis to 3,145 public housing authorities (PHAs) nationwide. A Capital Fund grant may be used for a variety of activities including modernization, development, financing and management improvements. The grant amount may also include a replacement housing factor grant for those PHAs that demolished or disposed of public housing units in prior year(s). An RHF grant must be used to build new developments or acquire and rehabilitate a development.

“Public Housing Authorities are integral to our communities’ success,” said Hinojosa. “These grants will help provide quality and affordable housing options for so many families and individuals, and will help improve their overall quality of life.”

The following Public Housing Authorities have received funds:

- Harlingen Housing Authority –\$873,215.00
- Hidalgo County Housing Authority – \$97,287.00
- La Grange Housing Authority – \$106,245.00
- Mathis Housing Authority – \$124,571.00
- McAllen Housing Authority – \$294,528.00
- Mercedes Housing Authority – \$476,906.00
- Pharr Housing Authority – \$576,731.00
- Schulenburg Housing Authority – \$43,046.00
- Sinton Housing Authority – \$116,724.00
- Smithville Housing Authority – \$110,999.00
- Taft Housing Authority – \$114,474.00
- Weslaco Housing Authority – \$310,696.00
- Yoakum Housing Authority – \$115,174.00
- Yorktown Housing Authority – \$70,117.00
- Alamo Housing Authority – \$105,301.00
- Alice Housing Authority – \$332,683.00
- Bastrop Housing Authority – \$61,075.00
- Beeville Housing Authority – \$231,136.00
- Cuero Housing Authority – \$219,737.00
- Donna Housing Authority – \$177,604.00
- Edcouch Housing Authority –\$50,737.00
- Edinburg Housing Authority – \$657,298.00
- Elsa Housing Authority – \$180,038.00
- Falfurrias Housing Authority – \$171,376.00
- Flatonia Housing Authority –\$23,754.00
- Goliad Housing Authority – \$63,384.00

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AGRICULTURE

Commodity Partnerships for Risk Management Education

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC)

Deadline: 07/17/2006

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC), operating through the Risk Management Agency (RMA), announces the availability of approximately \$500,000 for Commodity Partnerships for Risk Management Education (the Commodity Partnerships program). Since the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 authorized the use of partnerships to provide risk management education, RMA has annually offered partnerships to provide education to producers of crops currently not insured under Federal crop insurance, specialty crops, and underserved commodities, including livestock and forage (priority commodities). Even though these partnerships have been very successful, there is a segment of producers that have not been reached with these education programs--refugees and low income individuals who produce, or who are undertaking to establish a business producing, priority commodities (target producers). The purpose of this cooperative partnership agreement program is to deliver risk management training and information to these producers. Recipients of awards must demonstrate non-financial benefits from a cooperative partnership agreement and must agree to the substantial.

Maximum Grant Size: \$50,000

Number of Awards: 10

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants include State departments of agriculture, universities, non-profit agricultural organizations, and other public or private organizations with the capacity to lead a local program of risk management education for target producers in an RMA Region

Contact: Eric Edgington, Phone: 202-690-2539, Email: Eric.Edgington@rma.usda.gov

Small, Minority Producer Grant Program

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS)

Deadline: 07/28/2006

The Rural Business-Cooperative Service announces the availability of approximately \$1.473 million in competitive grant funds for fiscal year (FY) 2006 for cooperatives and associations of cooperatives to assist small minority producers. USDA Rural Development Cooperative Programs hereby requests proposals from eligible cooperatives and associations of cooperatives interested in a competitively awarded grant. The cooperatives and associations of cooperatives will use the grants to fund technical assistance to rural businesses.

Maximum Grant Size: \$200,000

Number of Awards: 7

Eligible Applicants: Applicants must be a minority cooperative or a minority association of cooperatives.

Contact: Rural Development Cooperative Programs, Phone: 202-720-7558

Email: cpgrants@wdc.usda.gov, Website: www.usda.gov

National Research Initiative: Animal Biosecurity Coordinated Agricultural Projects

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC)

Deadline: 10/31/2006

Strengthening the Nation's capacity to protect animal agriculture from disease losses and threats arising from high impact endemic diseases, new or re-emerging challenges, or foreign diseases accidentally or intentionally introduced, is a major challenge facing the U.S. The Animal Biosecurity Program was initiated in FY 2003 and serves as a catalyst to bring the larger animal health community together for specific diseases or issues. In FY

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2006, this program only invites renewal applications for existing Coordinated Agricultural Projects (CAP); specifically for: 1) Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS) and 2) Johne's Disease. Please note that program priorities may have changed. Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the entire Program Description section for current priorities additional information relative to the programs of interest.

Maximum Grant Size: \$4,800,000

Eligible Applicants: City or Township Governments, County Governments, For-profit Organizations Other Than , Small Businesses, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Individuals, Native American Tribal Organizations, not Federally recognized Tribal Governments, Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS status, other than Institutions of Higher Education, Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS status, other than Institutions of Higher Education, Private Institutions of Higher Education, Small Business, State Agricultural Experiment Stations, State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education, State Governments.

Contact: Peter Johnson, Phone: 202-401-1896, Email: pjohnson@csrees.usda.gov

Website: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov>

ARTS, HUMANITIES AND LANGUAGES

Folk & Arts: Access to Artistic Excellence #2

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Deadline: 08/14/2006

The National Endowment for the Arts is interested in projects, regardless of the size or type of applicant organization, that are of national, regional, or field-wide significance; that tour in several states; or that provide an unusual or especially valuable contribution because of geographic location. This includes local projects that can have significant effects within communities or that are likely to serve as models for a field. Support for the identification, documentation, preservation, and perpetuation of folk and traditional arts through:

- Identification and documentation of artists and artistic resources.
- Conservation of archival material.
- Public programs that raise awareness of cultural heritage.
- Workshops, residencies, and apprenticeships.
- Conferences and gatherings of artists.
- Technical assistance and provision of cultural expertise to arts organizations.

Projects that strengthen a state or region's infrastructure of support for folk and traditional arts. This may include the creation of long-term organizational and community partnerships or support for no more than three years of professional folk arts positions.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; or federally-recognized tribal communities or tribes may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment.

Contact: Folk & Traditional Arts Specialists, Phone: 202-682-5678 or 202-682-5726

Website: www.neh.gov

Museum: Access to Artistic Excellence #2

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Deadline: 08/14/2006

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Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; or federally-recognized tribal communities or tribes may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment.

Contact: Museum Specialist, Phone: 202-682-5576, Website: www.nea.gov

Design: Access to Artistic Excellence #2

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Deadline: 8/14/2006

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- Historic preservation activities.
- The exhibition and publication of the design of the past.
- Education and outreach that bring established design practices to American communities.

Conferences, symposia, and other gatherings that promote the heritage and conservation of design.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; or federally-recognized tribal communities or tribes may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment.

Contact: Design Specialist, Phone: 202-682-5796, Website: www.nea.gov

Literature: Access to Artistic Excellence #2

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Deadline: 08/14/2006

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Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; or federally-recognized tribal communities or tribes may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment.

Contact: Literature Specialist, Phone: 202-682-5771, Website: www.nea.gov

International Literature Awards

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Deadline: 09/14/2006

The NEA International Literature Awards will provide American readers with greater access to the contemporary literature of Europe and increase the number and quality of foreign literary works that are published in the United States each year. This year the NEA International Literature Awards will

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focus on Europe with partnerships between the Arts Endowment and the countries of Greece and Spain. All projects must involve the translation of literary works from Greece or Spain into English and the promotion of those works to American readers. Authors must be born after 1946 and the works must be previously unpublished in English. Reprints are not eligible. For the translation of works from Greece there is a special interest in short fiction and novels. Funding is available for all aspects of the process -- from translation to publication and distribution. Project expenses may include fees to translators, publication costs, and public outreach activities such as author/translator tours or educational programs.

Maximum Grant Size: \$10,000

Eligible Applicants: Established literary and university publishers that are nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; or federally-recognized tribal communities or tribes may apply.

Contact: Amy Stolls, Phone: 202-682-5771, Email: stollsa@arts.gov

Email: www.nea.gov

Ensemble Theatre Travel Subsidy Program

Deadline: 09/12/2006

The Ensemble Theatre Travel Subsidy Program provides grants to theater directors, producers, presenters, managers, artists, and agents to see work by ensemble theater companies who have initiated a dialogue with them about a long-term partnership. In addition, artistic, production, education, publicity, or marketing staff at ensemble theater companies are eligible for funds to visit a potential host theater or arts presenter in order to effectively prepare for an engagement at least six to twelve months in advance.

Eligible Applicants: individuals at nonprofit 501(c)(3) theaters, presenting organizations, and artist management companies. Independent directors, producers, presenters, or artist managers without a nonprofit affiliation and staff at for-profit artist agencies and management firms are eligible if they meet the following criteria: the travel must have educational purposes that will assist the individual traveling in making more informed decisions in communicating about and/or managing an existing project or collaboration between an ensemble theater and a theater partner, or an arts presenter partner or consortia of theaters and arts presenters. Travel for the purpose of business development and developing artist rosters is ineligible.

Maximum Grant Size: \$2,000 per person/annually

Website: <http://www.artspresenters.org/services/travelgrants.cfm>

Documenting Endangered Languages

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Deadline: 09/15/2006

This multi-year funding partnership between the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) supports projects to develop and advance knowledge concerning endangered human languages. Made urgent by the imminent death of an estimated half of the 6000-7000 currently used human languages, this effort aims also to exploit advances in information technology. Funding will support fieldwork and other activities relevant to recording, documenting, and archiving endangered languages, including the preparation of lexicons, grammars, text samples, and databases. Funding will be available in the form of one- to three-year project grants as well as fellowships for up to twelve months. At least half the available funding will be awarded to projects involving fieldwork.

Total funding available: \$2,000,000

Number of Awards: 18 – 22

Eligible Applicants: Academic institutions and non-profit, non-academic organizations located in the United States are eligible. For-profit organizations are not eligible to apply to this program.

Website: www.nsf.gov

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Grants for Stabilizing Humanities Collections

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Deadline: 10/02/2006

These grants help museums, libraries, archives, and historical organizations preserve their humanities collections through support for improved housing and storage, environmental conditions, security, lighting, and fire protection. Eligible activities include: 1) the purchase of storage furniture and the re-housing of humanities collections and materials that directly document the collections, such as field notes, site maps, or catalog records; 2) the improvement of environmental conditions under which collections are stored or exhibited (which may encompass the installation of climate control systems); and 3) the installation of security, lighting, and fire detection and suppression systems.

Maximum Grant Size: \$650,000

Eligible Applicants: Any U.S. nonprofit organization with 501(c)3 tax exempt status is eligible, as are state and local governmental agencies and tribal governments.

Contact: Division of Preservation and Access, Phone: 202-606-8570, Email: preservation@neh.gov

Website: www.neh.gov

Challenge Grants #2

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Deadline: 11/01/2006

NEH challenge grants help institutions and organizations secure long-term improvements in and support for their humanities programs and resources. Because of the matching requirements, these NEH awards also strengthen the humanities by encouraging nonfederal sources of support. Both federal and nonfederal funds must provide long-term benefits to the humanities. Challenge grant funds should not merely replace funds already being expended on the humanities, but instead should reflect careful strategic planning to strengthen and enhance the institution's activities in and commitment to the humanities. Direct grant funds may also be used for bridging support, where the challenge grant provides for endowment income to meet the same expenses in the future. Bridging funds up to the equivalent amount of projected endowment income may be used to cover expenses during the grant period, while the endowment is being established.

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

Eligible Applicants: With the exception of elementary and secondary schools or school districts, any U.S. nonprofit institution (public agency or private nonprofit organization) working wholly or in part with the humanities may apply for a challenge grant. Affiliated institutions (e.g., university museums) should consult with NEH staff on questions of separate eligibility.

Contact: Office of Challenge Grants, Phone: 202-606-8309, Email: challenge@neh.gov, Website: www.neh.gov

Museums for America

Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

Deadline: 11/15/2006

Museums for America is the Institute's largest grant program for museums, providing more than \$17 million in grants to support the role of museums in American society to sustain cultural heritage; to support lifelong learning; and to be centers of community engagement. Museums for America grants strengthen a museum's ability to serve the public more effectively by supporting high-priority activities that advance the institution's mission and strategic goals. In FY 2007, Museums for America funding will support projects and activities, designed by the institution, that strengthen museums as active resources for lifelong learning and key players in the establishment of livable communities. Museums for America grants are designed to be flexible. They can be used for ongoing museum activities, research and other behind-the-scenes activities, planning activities, new programs or activities, purchase of equipment or services, or other activities that will support the efforts of museums to upgrade and integrate new technologies into their overall institutional effectiveness. A 1:1 match is required in each category. All applications must demonstrate evidence of institutional strategic planning and show the relationship between the activities for which funding is requested and the institution's plan. Although project activities may occur only once, project goals should be investments for the future, not one-time activities with no long-term impact on the museum or its community.

Contact: Christine Henry, Senior Program Officer, Phone: 202/653-4674, Email: chenry@imls.gov

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Website: <http://www.ims.gov/applicants/grants/forAmerica.shtm>

Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program

Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

Deadline: 12/15/2006

The program supports efforts to recruit and educate the next generation of librarians and the faculty who will prepare them for careers in library science. It also supports grants for research related to library education and library staffing needs, curriculum development, and continuing education and training. Program priorities are as follows: Priority 1: Master's Programs, Priority 2: Doctoral Programs, Priority 3: Pre-professional Programs, Priority 4: Research, Priority 5: Programs to Build Institutional Capacity, and Priority 6: Continuing Education and Training. Fifty percent of total project costs; funds requested for student support are not subject to matching requirement.

Maximum Grant Size: \$50,000

Eligible Applicants: All types of libraries, except federal and for-profit libraries, may apply. Eligible libraries include public, school, academic, special, private (not-for-profit), archives, library agencies, library consortia, and library associations. In addition, research libraries that give the public access to services and materials suitable for scholarly research not otherwise available to the public and that are not part of a university or college are eligible. Institutions of higher education, including public and not-for-profit universities and colleges, also are eligible. Graduate schools of library and information science may apply as part of an institution of higher education.

Contact: Stephanie Clark, Senior Program Officer, Phone: 202/653-4662, Email: sclark@ims.gov

Website: <http://www.ims.gov/applicants/grants/21centuryLibrarian.shtm>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Economic Development Assistance Programs: 2006

U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), Economic Development Administration (EDA)

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Economic Development Administration is soliciting proposals for the following programs authorized by the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965: Public Works and Economic Development Investments Program, Planning Program, Local Technical Assistance Program, Economic Adjustment Assistance Program. EDA's mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. In implementing this mission pursuant to its authorizing statute, PWEDA, EDA advances economic growth by assisting communities and regions experiencing chronic high unemployment and low per capita income to create an environment that fosters innovation, promotes entrepreneurship, and attracts increased private capital investment. Under the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, EDA also provides technical assistance to firms adversely affected by increased import competition.

Total Funding Available: \$250,741,104

Eligible Applicants: District Organization; an Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; a State, a city or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; an institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or a public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State.

Website: www.eda.gov

High Growth Job Training Initiative Grants for the Advanced Manufacturing Industry

U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA)

Deadline: 07/25/2006

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), announces the availability of approximately \$10 million in grant funds for new and innovative approaches to meeting the workforce challenges of the advanced manufacturing industry under the President's High Growth Job Training Initiative. ETA defines "advanced manufacturing" as the use of technology or other productivity-enhancing business processes in the manufacturing enterprise and/or value-added supply chain. These advanced manufacturing technologies and processes may be used in a variety

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of industry sectors. The President's High Growth Job Training Initiative (HGJTI) is a strategic effort to prepare workers for new and increasing job opportunities in high-growth, high-demand, and economically vital industries and sectors of the American economy. Through the initiative, ETA identifies high-growth, high-demand industries, evaluates their skill needs, and funds local and national partnership-based demonstration projects that: (a) Address workforce challenges identified by employers; and (b) prepare workers for good jobs with career pathways in these rapidly expanding or transforming industries.

Maximum Grant Size: \$1,500,000

Number of Awards: 10-12

Eligible Applicants: Applicants may be public, private for-profit, and private non-profit organizations including faith-based and community organizations. The application must clearly identify the applicant and describe its capacity to administer the HGJTI advanced manufacturing grant, in terms of both organizational capacity and data management capabilities. Applications for supplementation of existing projects are eligible for consideration under this SGA; however, applications for renewal of existing projects will not be considered. Please note that the applicant and fiscal agent must be the same organization.

Contact: Melissa Abdullah, Phone: 202-693-3346, Website: www.doleta.gov

Tax Counseling for the Elderly

U.S. Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Deadline: 08/01/2006

Section 163 gives the IRS authority to enter into cooperative agreements with private or public non-profit agencies or organizations to establish a network of trained volunteers to provide free tax information and return preparation assistance to elderly individuals. Elderly individuals are defined as individuals age 60 and over at the close of their taxable year. Cooperative agreements will be entered into based upon competition among eligible agencies and organizations. Because applications are being solicited before the FY 2007 budget has been approved, cooperative agreements will be entered into subject to the appropriation of funds. Once funded, sponsoring agencies and organizations will receive a grant from the IRS for administrative expenses and to reimburse volunteers for expenses incurred in training and in providing tax return assistance.

Eligible Applicants: Private or public non-profit agencies or organizations

Contact: Lynn Tyler, Phone: 202-283-01890, Website: www.irs.gov

Automated Flood Warning Systems Program Automated Flood Warning Systems Program

U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Deadline: 10/31/2006

The National Weather Service (NWS) is soliciting requests to provide capital funds for the creation, renovation, or enhancement of rain and stream gage networks that are locally operated and maintained with non-NOAA resources. The expected period of performance may be up to two years with an anticipated start date of May 1, 2007. The NWS will partner with entities that can demonstrate a long-term ability to operate and maintain an AFWS and provide the data to the NWS. The program priorities for this opportunity support NOAA's mission support goal of: Weather and Water - Serve Society's Needs for Weather and Water Information.

Maximum Grant Size: \$200,000

Number of Awards: 5 – 10

Eligible Applicants: non-profit organizations, state, local and Indian tribal governments.

Contact: John Bradley, Phone: 301-713-0624 x 154, Email: john.bradley@noaa.gov

Website: www.noaa.gov

DISABILITIES

Disability Business Technical Assistance Centers

U.S. Department of Education (ED), Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)

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Deadline: 08/08/2006

The purpose of the DRRP program is to plan and conduct research, demonstration projects, training, and related activities to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology that maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with the most severe disabilities, and to improve the effectiveness of services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. DRRPs carry out one or more of the following types of activities, as specified and defined in 34 CFR 350.13 through 350.19: Research, development, demonstration, training, dissemination, utilization, and technical assistance.

Maximum Grant Size: \$1,105,000

Number of Awards: 10

Eligible Applicants: States; public or private agencies, including for-profit agencies; public or private organizations, including for-profit organizations; institutions of higher education (IHEs); and Indian tribes and tribal organizations.

Contact: Donna Nangle, Phone: 202-245-7462, Email: donna.nangle@ed.gov

Website: www.ed.gov

Programs Targeting Children with Disabilities

Deadline: 10/01/2006

CVS/pharmacy Community Grants are currently accepting proposals for programs targeting children under age 18 with disabilities that address: health and rehabilitation services; a greater level of inclusion in student activities and extracurricular programs; opportunities or facilities that give greater access to physical movement and play.

Maximum Award: varies.

Eligible Applicants: Public schools with programs for children under age 18 with disabilities. Website: http://www.cvs.com/corplInfo/community/community_grants.html

Technology and Media Services for Individuals With Disabilities: Center To Support Technology Innovation for Students With Disabilities

U.S. Department of Education (ED), Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)

Deadline: 12/02/2006

The purpose of the program is to: 1) Improve results for children with disabilities by promoting the development, demonstration, and use of technology, 2) support educational media services activities designed to be of educational value in the classroom setting to children with disabilities, and 3) provide support for captioning and video description that is appropriate for use in the classroom setting.

Maximum Grant Size: \$800,000

Eligible Applicants: State educational agencies (SEAs); local educational agencies (LEAs); public charter schools that are LEAs under State law; institutions of higher education (IHEs); other public agencies; private nonprofit organizations; outlying areas; freely associated States; Indian tribes or tribal organizations; and for-profit organizations.

Contact: Jane Hauser, Contact Phone: 202-245-7373

Website: www.ed.gov

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Public Welfare Foundation Grants for Youth Empowerment

Deadline: Open/ Rolling

The Public Welfare Foundation supports organizations that address human needs in disadvantaged communities, with strong emphasis on organiza-

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tions that include service, advocacy and empowerment in their approach: service that remedies specific problems; advocacy that addresses those problems in a systemic way through changes in public policy; and strategies to empower people in need to play leading roles in achieving those policy changes and in remedying specific problems. The Foundation provides both general support and project-specific grants. Maximum Award: \$50,000.

Eligibility: public and private entities, including nonprofit organizations and for-profit organizations. Website:
http://www.publicwelfare.org/news/news/fund_2006.asp

Grants for Formal K-12 Education

Deadline: Open/ Rolling

RGK Foundation awards grants within education to programs that focus on formal K-12 education (particularly mathematics, science and reading), teacher development, literacy, and higher education.

Maximum Award: \$25,000

Eligibility: 501(c)3 organizations.
<http://www.rgkfoundation.org/guidelines.php#programs>

Grants for Arts, Education, and Health Projects

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Milagro Foundation seeks grants applications from community-based, grass-roots organizations that work with underprivileged children and youth in the areas of arts, education, and health.

Maximum Award: \$5000.

Eligibility: 501(c)3 organizations in the United States
Website: <http://www.milagrofoundation.org/apply.asp>

Beyond Words: The Dollar General School Library Relief Program

Deadline: Open/Rolling

Dollar General has created a grant program to benefit public school libraries in communities affected by disasters. The fund will provide grants for books, media, and/or equipment that support learning in a school library environment.

Maximum Award: \$15,000.

Eligible Applicants: Public school libraries that have incurred substantial damage or hardship due to a natural disaster (tornado, earthquake, hurricane, flood, avalanche, mudslide), fire or an act recognized by the federal government as terrorism. First priority for the initial grants will be given to school libraries impacted by hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma -- either through direct loss or through an increase in enrollment due to displaced students.

Website: <http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aaslawards/dollargeneral/disasterrelief.htm>

AEP Funding for Education & Human Services

Deadlines: Open/Rolling

The American Electric Power (AEP) Corporate Giving Program supports nonprofit organizations in communities in AEP's service territory. Funding is provided in such areas as education (preference is given to grades Pre-K-12 in the fields of math, science, and technology); and human services (hunger, housing, health and safety).

Eligible applicants: Nonprofit organizations in Texas, this includes Corpus Christi, Laredo, Victoria, McAllen, Abilene, San Angelo and Longview.

Website: <http://www.aep.com/go/corpgiving> <<http://www.aep.com/go/corpgiving>>

Fellowships for Hands-on Science Learning

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Deadline: Open/ Rolling

Earthwatch Institute offers educators fully-funded fellowships for hands-on learning with leading scientists doing field research and conservation on one of 130 projects around the world.

Maximum Award: fully-funded fellowship.

Eligibility: Elementary, middle, and high school educators and administrators of any discipline.

Website: <http://www.earthwatch.org/education/educator/opportunities.html>

Outdoor Classroom Grant Program for the Natural Sciences

Deadline: Open/Rolling

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation, International Paper and National Geographic Explorer! Magazine have teamed up to create an outdoor classroom grant program whose focus is to engage students in hands-on natural science experiences and allow enrichment opportunities across the core curriculum.

Maximum Award: \$2,000

Eligibility: K-12 public schools in the United States.

Website: <http://www.lowes.com/lowes/lkn?action=pg&p=AboutLoves/outdoor/index.html>

Barnes & Noble Corporate Contributions

Deadline: Open/Rolling

Barnes & Noble Corporate Contributions Program is committed to literary-based sponsorships and partners with organizations that focus their core businesses on higher learning, literacy and the arts.

Maximum Award: varies.

Eligibility: non-profit organizations that focus on literacy, the arts or education (K - 12).

Website: http://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/our_company/sponsorship/sponsorships_national/donations_national.html

Grants for Teaching Meteorology

Deadline: 08/01/2006

National Weather Association Sol Hirsch Education Fund Grants are available to help improve the education of their students in meteorology. Teachers selected will be able to use the funds to take an accredited course in atmospheric sciences, attend a relevant workshop or conference, or purchase scientific materials or equipment for the classroom.

Maximum Award: \$500

Eligibility: Teachers, program directors, school district supervisors and other individuals or groups proposing to improve the education of K-12 students in meteorology.

Website: <http://www.nwas.org/solhirsch.html>

Red, White, and Green Climate Change Grants

Deadline: 09/01/2006

Youth Service America and the Civil Society Institute are awarding Red, White, and Green Climate Change Grants to design a service-learning project that promotes awareness about climate change and possible solutions. Projects should be youth-led, and the service must take place between October 1 and November 30, 2006.

Maximum Award: \$500

Eligibility: youth between the ages of 15-25 or to organizations serving or engaging youth ages 15-25.

Website: <http://www.ysa.org/>

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The Big Read Program

Deadline: Phase I – 9/12/2006, Phase II – 02/01/2007

The Big Read Program, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services, will engage libraries and other community and school partners across the country to encourage citizens to read for pleasure and enlightenment. The program is designed to revitalize the role of literature in American popular culture and bring the transformative power of literature into the lives of its citizens.

Maximum Award: \$10,000-\$20,000.

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or division of state, local, or tribal government that possesses a demonstrated capacity to plan and implement a well-planned, well-attended, community-wide event with a diverse range of programming.

Website: http://www.neabigread.org/application_process.php

Grants for Music Education and Talent Development Programs

Deadline: 10/01/2006

The ASCAP Foundation is now considering proposals from organizations engaging in music education and talent development programs that support music education programs for aspiring songwriters and composers.

Maximum Award: \$5,000

Eligibility: Organization must be 501(c)(3)

Website: <http://www.ascapfoundation.org/grants.html>

Grants for Professional Development

Deadline: 10/15/2006

The NEA Foundation Learning and Leading grants are provided to individuals to fund participation in high-quality professional development experiences, such as summer institutes or action research and to groups fund collegial study, including study groups, action research, lesson study, or mentoring experiences for faculty or staff new to an assignment.

Maximum Award: \$2,000

Eligibility: K-12 public school teachers, public school education support professionals, and faculty and staff in public higher education institutions.

Website: <http://news.publiceducation.org/t/4602/214183/76/0/>

National Gardening Association Healthy Sprouts Awards

Deadline: 10/15/2006

This program invites applications from schools or organizations who plan to garden in 2007. Maximum Award: \$200 Gift Certificate.

Eligibility: groups having at least fifteen children between the ages of 3 and 18.

Website: <http://www.kidsgardening.com/healthysprouts1.asp>

Awards for Excellence in Private Enterprise Education

Deadline: 11/01/2006

The Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge conducts the Leavey Awards for Excellence in Private Enterprise Education to honor outstanding educators who excite a commitment in their students to the free enterprise system and unleash the entrepreneurial skills of their students at the elementary, junior high school, high school and college level.

Maximum Award: \$7,500

Eligibility: teachers at schools (K-12), colleges, and universities.

Website: <http://www.ffvf.org/leavey.asp>

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Mathematics Classroom-Based Research Grants

Deadline: 11/03/2006

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Classroom-Based Research Grants for Grades K-12 Teachers are to support and encourage classroom-based research in precollege mathematics education in collaboration with college or university mathematics educators.

Maximum Award: \$8,000

Eligibility: The applicant must be a current NCTM member or teach at a school having a current K-8 NCTM school membership. The college or university mathematics educator must be a member of the NCTM.

Website: <http://www.nctm.org/about/met/begle.htm>

Connecting Mathematics to Other Subject Areas Grants

Deadline: 11/03/2006

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Connecting Mathematics to Other Subject Areas Grants will be awarded to create senior high classroom materials or lessons connecting mathematics to other fields.

Maximum Award: \$3,000

Eligibility: The applicant must be a current member of NCTM and currently teach mathematics in grades 9-12 at least 50 percent of the school day.

Website: <http://www.nctm.org/about/met/pappas.htm>

Verizon Foundation Literacy Grants

Deadline: 11/30/2006

Verizon Foundation is now accepting proposals from eligible institutions for Literacy Grants. Maximum Award: \$5,000-\$10,000.

Eligibility: elementary and secondary schools (public and private) that are registered with the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES).

Website: <http://foundation.verizon.com/04008.shtml>

Interactions between Mathematical Sciences and Engineering

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The NSF-wide Mathematical Sciences Priority Area (MSPA), the Division of Mathematical Sciences (DMS) and the Directorate for Engineering (ENG) anticipate funding projects of mutual interest. The research envisioned in this program will seek to build new mathematical and statistical methods and structures within the context of meaningful engineering applications. Appropriate for inclusion under this program are proposals that address the broad topical areas of large data sets (e.g., inference, learning and real-time dynamic optimization), modeling and handling uncertainty (e.g., decision-making under uncertainty) and enhancing the understanding and management of complex systems (e.g., modeling, control and optimization of systems involving multiple scales in time and space). Proposed projects should be innovative and strive for breakthroughs rather than incremental improvement, and should be of compelling independent interest within both the engineering and mathematical and statistical sciences communities. Proposals should focus on developing, extending and analyzing general-purpose mathematical and statistical methods. Efforts at a greater unification of methods, approaches and principles are welcome.

Funding Available: \$5,800,000

Number of Awards: 25

Eligible applicants: Universities and colleges, non-profit non-academic organizations, for-profit organizations, state and local governments, unaffiliated individuals.

Website: <http://www.nsf.gov>

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Number of Awards: 25

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Website: <http://www.nsf.gov>

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program (STEP) Type 2 *National Science Foundation (NSF)*

Deadline: 8/15/2006 Letter of intent, **9/26/2006** Final applications

The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program (STEP) seeks to increase the number of students (U.S. citizens or permanent residents) receiving associate or baccalaureate degrees in established or emerging fields within science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Type 2 proposals are solicited that support educational research projects on associate or baccalaureate degree attainment in STEM.

Funding Available: \$25,000,000

Number of Awards: 1 – 3

Eligible Applicants: Universities and colleges, non-profit non-academic organizations, for-profit organizations, state and local governments, unaffiliated individuals.

Website: <http://www.nsf.gov>

Methodology, Measurement, and Statistics

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Deadline: 8/15/2006

The Methodology, Measurement, and Statistics (MMS) Program is an interdisciplinary program that supports the development of innovative methods and models for the social and behavioral sciences. The MMS Program interacts with the other programs in the Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (SBE), as well as other programs in the Foundation, most notably the Statistics and Probability Program in the Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences (MPS). In general, MMS seeks proposals that are interdisciplinary in nature, methodologically innovative, and grounded in theory. The MMS Program welcomes proposals in the following areas: general research and infrastructure activities; mid-career research

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fellowships; research on survey and statistical methodology; and doctoral dissertation research.

Total Funding Available: \$2,900,000

Number of Awards: 40-50

Eligible Applicants: Universities and colleges, non-profit non-academic organizations, for-profit organizations, state and local governments, and unaffiliated individuals.

Website: www.nsf.gov

Administration of NOAA's Undergraduate Scholarship Program

U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Deadline: 11/01/2006

NOAA's Office of Education (OEd), Educational Partnership Program is announcing the availability of Federal assistance for a not-for-profit organization to administer its Undergraduate Scholarship Program. The goal of the Undergraduate Scholarship Program is to increase the number of students who undertake course work and graduate with degrees in the targeted areas integral to NOAA's mission. This program targets students who have completed their sophomore year; attend Minority Serving Institutions; major in mathematics, science, or engineering; and have recently declared, or about to declare a major in atmospheric, oceanic, remote sensing technology or environmental science disciplines. The Undergraduate Scholarship participants must be U.S. citizens and attend an MSI including Hispanic Serving Institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribal College and Universities, Alaska-Native Serving Institutions, and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions full-time, be pursuing studies in atmospheric science, biology, cartography, chemistry, computer science, engineering, environmental science, geodesy, geography, marine science, mathematics, meteorology, physical science, oceanography, marine biology, photogrammetry, or physics. Participants must have, and maintain, a 3.0 grade point average.

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

Number of Awards: 2- 4

Eligible Applicants: Proposals will only be accepted from non-profit organizations.

Contact: Chantell Haskins, Phone: 301-713-9437 x 125, Email: Chantell.Haskins@noaa.gov

Website: www.noaa.gov

FAMILIES & CHILDREN

A.L. Mailman Family Foundation

Deadline: letter of intent May 1 or December 1 (annual dates)

The A.L. Mailman Family Foundation's mission is to enhance the ability of families and communities to nurture their children. The Foundation believes that the most effective way to address this mission is by focusing on early childhood, and therefore funds projects of national import in the early childhood field. The Foundation focuses on the following funding categories: Early Childhood Care and Education, Family Support, and Moral Education and Social Responsibility. The Foundation does not support locally focused, direct service projects of organizations such as child care centers, schools, and professional education programs. The deadlines for letters of inquiry are May 15 and December 1, annually. Visit the website listed above for application information.

Website: <http://www.mailman.org/>

Responsible Fatherhood and Healthy Marriage Research Initiative

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

Deadline: 07/17/2006

OPRE seeks to fund studies that evaluate the effectiveness of services to promote responsible fatherhood through healthy marriage program ap-

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proaches for lower-income couples and individuals, including those who live in poverty. Under this announcement, OPRE will support such evaluation research activities and, to the extent necessary, part or all of the costs of the services to be evaluated with Federal funding. This funding will support program demonstration evaluation studies that use an experimental research design, i.e., random assignment of individuals or couples to either a program group or to a non-program control group.

Maximum Grant Size: \$300,000

Number of Awards: 2 – 4

Eligible Applicants: State governments, County governments, City or township governments, Special district governments, Public and State-controlled institutions of higher education, Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities, Native American Tribal Governments (Federally Recognized), Non-profits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Non-profits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education, Faith-based and community organizations.

Contact: Sylvia Johnson, Phone: 202-401-4524, Email: Sylvia.Johnson@acf.hhs.gov

Website: www.acf.hhs.gov

CSBG T&TA Promoting Healthy Marriages

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

Deadline: 07/17/2006

The proposed cooperative agreements will fund training and technical assistance (T&TA) resources for the Community Services Block Grant Network focusing on improving the quality of programs carried out under the CSBG Act and the delivery of healthy marriage education service strategies among low-income people served by local community action agencies. This program's purpose is to help low-income families form healthy, stable marriages. To achieve this objective, OCS will fund, through organizations, projects that help low-income families form and maintain such marriages.

Maximum Grant Size: \$100,000

Number of Awards: 4 – 6

Eligible Applicants: Faith-based and community organizations that meet the statutory eligibility requirements are eligible to apply under this announcement. Eligible applicants for these cooperative agreements are eligible entities, or statewide or local organizations, or associations with demonstrated expertise in effectively addressing the needs of low-income families and communities.

Contact: Sheldon Shalit, Phone: 800-281-9519, Email: OCSGRANTS@lcn.net

Website: www.acf.hhs.gov

HEALTH

W.K. Kellogg Foundation Grants

W.K. Kellogg Foundation

Deadline: Rolling/ Open

Health programming at the Kellogg Foundation focuses explicitly on improving individual and community health and improving access and the quality of health care. The goal over the next five years is to promote health among vulnerable individuals and communities through programming that: empowers individuals, mobilizes communities, engages institutions, improves health care quality and access, and informs public and marketplace policy. Grant making takes into account the social and economic determinants of health within a person's community; the quality of health institutions within that community; and the policies that determine how health services are organized, provided, and financed. Grant making also targets communities, health care systems, and public health as centers of change.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible organizations include nonprofit organizations with 501(c) 3 status.

Contact: Deborah A Rey, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, One Michigan Ave. East, Battle Creek, MI 49017-4058.

Website: <http://www.wkkf.org/Grants/>

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The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Local Initiative Funding Partners Program

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Deadline: Rolling/ Open

The Local Initiative Funding Partners (LIFP) program is a partnership between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and local grantmakers that supports innovative, community-based projects to improve health and health care for vulnerable populations. Through LIFP, a local grantmaker proposes a funding partnership with RWJF by nominating a new project designed to address the health problems of people who are not reached by traditional health and social services, or for whom existing services are insufficient. LIFP provides grants of \$200,000 to \$500,000 per project, which must be matched dollar for dollar by local grantmakers such as independent and private foundations, community and family foundations, corporate foundations and others. These matching grants may not be used for operation of existing programs.

Website: <http://www.lifp.org/>

Grants for HIV/AIDS Programs

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The M-A-C AIDS Fund provides grants to charitable, nonprofit organizations worldwide that provide basic needs, direct services, education, awareness and prevention programs to men, women and children affected by HIV/AIDS. Grant applications are accepted from organizations in the United States and Canada that focus on the Fund's mission of caring for men, women and children affected by HIV/AIDS. (Requests for international grants are accepted by invitation only.) Grant applications are accepted throughout the year, and are reviewed quarterly. Visit the website listed above for more information.

Website: <http://www.macaidsfund.org/who/who.html>

Funding for Community-based Child Health Initiatives

Deadline: 07/14/2006

2007 CATCH Resident Funds grants will be awarded on a competitive basis for pediatric residents to plan community-based child health initiatives. CATCH Resident Funds grant projects must include planning activities, but also may include some implementation activities.

Maximum Award: \$3,000.

Eligibility: Pediatric residents working with their communities.

Website: <http://www.aap.org/catch/residentgrants.htm>

National Minority Aging Organizations: Technical Assistance Centers

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration on Aging (AoA)

Deadline: 07/14/2006

The Administration on Aging wishes to promote improvement of the health status of racial and ethnic minority older individuals by increasing the efficiency of the NMAO Technical Assistance Centers Program to disseminate culturally competent health promotion and disease prevention information. To this end, the AoA plans to award four new cooperative agreements for National Minority Aging Organization Technical Assistance Centers for the development of culturally competent and linguistically appropriate front line health promotion and disease prevention strategies for racial and ethnic minority older individuals.

Projects will develop practical, nontraditional, community-based interventions for reaching older individuals who experience barriers to accessing home and community-based services due to language and low literacy as well as other barriers directly related to cultural diversity.

Total Funding Available: \$1,069,186

Number of Awards: 4

Eligible Applicants: This competition is open to public and private non profit agencies and organizations, including faith- and community-based organi-

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zations (FBOs and CBOs), with a nationally known presence and the capacity to reach one of the target populations on a nationwide basis.

Contact: AoA Center for Wellness and Community-Based Care, Phone: 202-357-3464

Website: www.aoa.gov

HIV Early Intervention Services

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Deadline: 07/19/2006

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) anticipates Title III Early Intervention Services (EIS) grant funds will be available for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 to support outpatient HIV early intervention and primary care services. These services target low-income, medically underserved people in existing primary care systems.

Total Funding Available: \$77,622,000

Number of Awards: 112

Eligible Applicants: must be public or private non-profit entities. These include, but are not limited to:

- Consolidated Health Center Programs (Community Health Centers, Migrant Health Centers, Health Care for the Homeless, and Public Housing Primary Care) receiving support under Section 330 of the PHS Act.
- Family planning agencies under Section 1001 of the PHS Act, other than States.
- Comprehensive Hemophilia Diagnostic and Treatment Centers.
- Federally qualified health centers as described in Title XIX, Section 1905 of the Social Security Act.
- Nonprofit private entities that currently provide comprehensive primary care services to populations at risk of HIV disease.
- Local health departments.
- University/Medical Center affiliated clinics.

Contact: Kathleen Treat, Phone: 301-443-7602, Email: kathleen.treat@hrsa.hhs.gov

Ronald McDonald House Charities Grants

Deadline: 8/28/2006

Ronald McDonald House Charities Grants support programs that help children read, provide nutritious after-school meals, offer life-changing surgeries, or help prevent life-threatening disease. Ronald McDonald House Charities Board of Trustees is most interested in national and/or international organizations that have a specific program related to children's health and well-being. Maximum Award: varies.

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations

Website: <http://www.rmhc.com/rmhc/index/grants.html>

Balance Bar Community Awards

Deadline: 08/30/2006

As part of its commitment to helping people enjoy a healthy active lifestyle, the *Balance Bar Food Company* offers grants to help community organizations pursue their goals. Balance Bar Community Grants provide financial support to enable communities and organizations to passionately pursue physical activities that enrich their members' lives. The grant must be dedicated to a project that will provide organization members, as well as community residents, with opportunities to lead healthy, active lifestyles. The applicant and the majority of beneficiaries of grant monies must be 18 years or older.

Maximum Award: \$25,000

Number of Awards: 3 annually

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Eligible Applicants: Organizations with 501(c)(3) status can apply

Website: <http://www.balance.com/grants/default.aspx>

Mentoring Programs to Diversify the Mental Health HIV/AIDS Research Workforce through Innovative Educational Initiatives

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Deadline: 08/14/2006

This funding opportunity was developed in response to: (i) simultaneous over-representation of racial and ethnic minority (REM) individuals among those with HIV/AIDS, yet there remains the under-representation of individuals from REM groups as HIV/AIDS researchers; (ii) insufficient scientific information about HIV/AIDS disparities experienced by members of REM groups, and (iii) the paucity of HIV/AIDS mental health and alcohol abuse research produced by investigators from REM groups; and (iv) the limited number of REM individuals who are pursuing careers in HIV/AIDS mental health and/or alcohol abuse research.

Total funding available: \$750,000

Eligible Applicants: For-profit organizations, Non-profit organizations, Public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories, Units of State government, Units of local government and eligible agencies of the Federal government

Contact: David M. Stoff, Phone: 301-443-4625, Email: dstoff@mail.nih.gov

Website: www.nih.gov

Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Deadline: 8/14/2006 of intent, **9/14/2006** applications

The NIH Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) and its cosponsors invite institutional career development award applications for Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health (BIRCWH) Career Development Programs, hereafter termed "Programs." Programs will support mentored research career development of junior faculty members, known as BIRCWH Scholars, who have recently completed clinical training or post-doctoral fellowships, and who will be engaged in interdisciplinary basic, translational, behavioral, clinical, and/or health services research relevant to women's health or sex/gender factors. The goal of this initiative is to increase the number and skills of investigators through a mentored research and career development experience leading to an independent scientific career that will benefit the health of women, including research on sex/gender similarities or differences in biology, health or disease.

Maximum Grant Size: \$460,000

Number of Awards: 10

Eligible Applicants: For-profit organizations, Non-profit organizations, Public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories and domestic institutions.

Contact: Charisee Lamar, Phone: 301-496-6515, Email: lamarc@mail.nih.gov

American Academy of Dermatology Awards Shade Structure Grants

Deadline: 10/01/06

The American Academy of Dermatology's (Academy's) Shade Structure Grant Program awards funds for the purchase for permanent shade structures to non-profit organizations in need of shade for outdoor locations. These locations include any areas where children and adults gather and are exposed to the harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays of the sun, such as playgrounds, pools, bleachers, eating areas and other recreation areas. The Academy's Youth

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Education Committee awards the grants based on the following criteria:

- Demonstrated commitment to sun safety within their organization and community;
- Sponsorship of application by an Academy member dermatologist from their community; and
- Ability to meet the build timeline.

The 2006 Shade Structure Grant application and guidelines will be available on Monday, May 1, 2006.

Website: www.aad.org

Samuel Harris Fund for Children's Dental Health Grant Program

ADA Foundation

Deadline: 7/10/2006

The Harris Fund will award competitive grants of up to \$5,000 each to applicants. The program's main objective is to help children whose socioeconomic status impacts on their access to professional oral care and adversely affects their oral health habits at home. Total funding: \$210,000. Eligible Applicants: community-based, nonprofit, oral health promotion programs in the United States and its territories.

Contact: ADA Foundation, Phone: (312) 440-2547, Email: barroni@ada.org. Website: http://www.ada.org/ada/prod/adaf/prog_access_harris.asp

Targeting Obesity in Young Women to Prevent the Development of Type II Diabetes

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Women's Health (OWH)

Deadline: letter of intent **06/29/2006**, final applications **07/30/2006**

The Office on Women's Health (OWH) is the focal point for women's health within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Under the direction of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Women's Health, OWH provides leadership to promote the health equity for women and girls through gender-specific approaches. To that end, OWH has established public/private partnerships to address critical women's health issues nationwide. These include supporting collaborative efforts to provide accurate prevention education and programs for young women at risk for developing type II diabetes because they are overweight or obese.

Maximum Grant Size: \$98,000

Number of Awards: 5

Eligible Applicants: For profit and not for profit community based organizations, national organizations, colleges and universities, clinics and hospitals, research institutions, State and local government agencies, tribal government and tribal/urban Indian entities, and faith-based organizations.

Contact: Henrietta (Retta) Terry, Phone: 202-205-1952, Email: herry@osophs.dhhs.gov

Website: www.hhs.gov

Contraceptive Development Research Centers Program

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Deadline: 7/14/2006 Letter of intent, 8/14/2006 Final applications

The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) invites applications from investigators interested in participating with NICHD in an ongoing multicenter cooperative research program termed the Contraceptive Development Research Centers Program. This program is designed to expedite the development of new methods to regulate fertility. The aim of the program is to conduct a wide range of research, both basic and applied, with the ultimate goal of developing clinically useful products. Recognizing that the complexity of contraceptive development can severely limit progress achieved by individual investigators working alone, the NICHD will support three Centers composed of research projects and technical service core facilities that are interactively organized to conduct research to discover and/or develop promising new leads for regulation of fertility. The focus of individual projects may include basic, preclinical or clinical research or a combination of these areas.

Funding Available: \$5,900,000

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Number of Awards: 1-3

Eligible Applicants: For-profit organizations, Non-profit organizations, Public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories, Units of State government, Units of local government, Eligible agencies of the Federal government, and Domestic Institutions

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Research on Pathways Linking Environments, Behaviors and HIV/AIDS

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Deadline: 09/01/2006

This announcement invites research on the interrelationships among and pathways linking social, economic, cultural, and institutional environments; prevalence and patterning of individual behaviors related to HIV risk and prevention; and the prevalence, patterning, and spread of HIV infection in a population. This announcement seeks to stimulate innovative approaches to understanding the complex mechanisms involved in the spread of HIV and its consequences in a variety of populations across the globe. This includes the search for, production of and testing of improved models to account for changes in both behavior and biology under different levels of disease prevalence.

Eligible Applicants: You may submit (an) application(s) if your organization has any of the following characteristics: For-profit organizations, Non-profit organizations, Public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories, Units of State government, Units of local government, Eligible agencies of the Federal government, Foreign Institutions, Domestic Institutions, Faith-based or community-based organizations

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Understanding and Promoting Health Literacy

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Deadline: 9/13/2006of intent, **10/13/2006**applications

This Funding Opportunity Announcement invites applications to develop research on health literacy in general areas that include, but are not limited to, the following: Modeling and measuring the nature and scope of health literacy; Variation in health literacy over the life course or among native and non-native speakers of English; Mediators and moderators of low health literacy; The impact of low health literacy on health outcomes, diseases, behaviors and treatments, including the contribution of health literacy to informed decision-making, adherence to preventative or therapeutic regimens, utilization of health care services, risk avoidance strategies, and other consumer health-care related actions; The identification of effective preventive and other interventions to improve health literacy among populations and to enable the healthcare and public health systems to communicate effectively across different health literacy levels; and The development of effective methods and new technologies in health literacy research.

Eligible Applicants: For-profit organizations, Non-profit organizations, Public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories, Units of State government, Units of local government, Eligible agencies of the Federal government, Foreign Institutions, Domestic Institutions, Faith-based or community-based organizations, Units of State Tribal government and Units of Local Tribal government.

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Clinical Nutrition Research Unit Core Centers

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Deadline: letter of intent **10/24/2006**, final applications **11/21/2006**

The objective of the Clinical Nutrition Research Units is to bring together basic science and clinical investigators from relevant disciplines to enhance and extend the effectiveness of research related to nutritional sciences, obesity, and related disorders, with clinical and/or translational applications in these areas. A Core Center must be an identifiable unit within a university or medical center or a consortium of cooperating institutions, including an affiliated university. An existing program of excellence in biomedical basic and clinical research in the areas of nutritional sciences, obesity, and related

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disorders is required. The research must be in the form of research project grants (R01), program project grants (P01), or other peer-reviewed research that is already funded by NIH, other Federal Agencies, or non-federal groups at the time of submission of the Center grant application. It is required that at least fifty percent of the nutritional sciences and obesity or other related disorders research comprising the research base be supported by Federal Agencies. Close cooperation, communication, and collaboration among all involved personnel of various professional disciplines are ultimate objectives.

Maximum Grant Size: \$450,000

Number of Awards: 2

Eligible Applicants: For-profit organizations, Non-profit organizations, Public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories, Units of State government, Units of local government, Eligible agencies of the Federal government, Domestic Institutions only, Foreign Institutions are not eligible to apply.

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HOUSING

Emergency Capital Repair Grants for Multifamily Housing Projects Designated for Occupancy by the Elderly

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

Deadline: Rolling / Open

This notice announces the availability of approximately \$30 million in grant funds to make emergency capital repairs to eligible multifamily projects owned by private nonprofit entities that are designated for occupancy by elderly tenants. The capital repair needs must relate to items that present an immediate threat to the health, safety, and quality of life of the tenants. The intent of these grants is to provide one-time assistance for emergency items that could not be absorbed within the project's operating budget and other project resources, and where the tenants' continued occupancy in the immediate near future would be jeopardized by a delay in initiating the proposed cure.

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

Eligible Applicants: private nonprofit owners of eligible multifamily- assisted housing developments designated for occupancy by elderly tenants.

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Revitalization of Severely Distressed Public Housing: HOPE VI Revitalization Grants

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH)

Deadline: 07/10/2006

On March 8, 2006, HUD published its FY2006 SuperNOFA for HUD's Discretionary Programs, which contained 39 funding opportunities. Today's publication supplements the SuperNOFA by adding funding opportunities for the HOPE VI Main Street and HOPE VI Revitalization programs. Since these NOFAs are part of the SuperNOFA, the NOFAs published today are governed by the information and instructions found in the Notice of Funding Availability Policy Requirements and General Section (General Section) to the SuperNOFA that HUD published on January 20, 2006, and the Introduction published on March 8, 2006. The purpose of HOPE VI Revitalization grants is to: Improve the living environment for public housing residents of severely distressed public housing projects through the demolition, rehabilitation, reconfiguration, or replacement of obsolete public housing projects (or portions thereof); Revitalize sites (including remaining public housing dwelling units) on which such public housing projects are located and contribute to the improvement of the surrounding neighborhood; Provide housing that will avoid or decrease the concentration of very low-income families; and Build sustainable communities.

Total Funding Available: \$20,000,000

Number of Awards: 4

Eligible Applicants: Public housing authorities

Website: www.hud.gov

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Gulf of Mexico Program Office Funding Opportunity

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Deadline: 07/11/2006

An estimated amount of \$3,000,000 for ten to fifty cooperative agreements may be awarded under this announcement to eligible applicants for projects that improve the health of the Gulf of Mexico by addressing improved water quality and public health, priority coastal habitat protection/recovery, more effective coastal environmental education, improved habitat identification/ characterization data and decision support systems, and strategic nutrient reductions. Projects must involve stakeholders and focus on support and implementation of the Gulf of Mexico Alliance Governors' Action Plan for Healthy and Resilient Coasts.

Total funding available: \$3,000,000

Number of Awards: 10-50

Eligible Applicants: State and local governments, interstate agencies, tribes, colleges and universities, individuals, and other public or nonprofit organizations. EPA will require nonprofit organizations selected for funding to provide verification of their nonprofit status prior to the grant award.

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Blue Skyways Collaborative Clean School Bus

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Deadline: 07/27/2006

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is accepting proposals from local and state governments, nonprofit organizations, and local and federally recognized Indian Tribal Governments, for retrofit and/or replacement projects that reduce pollution from school buses within the Blue Skyways Collaborative states of Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas, as well as New Mexico, through the use of EPA verified or certified and/or California Air Resources Board verified pollution reduction technologies. There is a 5% cost-share required for these projects.

Maximum Grant Size: \$200,000

Number of Awards: 6 – 22

Eligible Applicants: EPA is soliciting proposals from state and local governments (e.g., school districts), nonprofit organizations, and local and federally recognized Indian Tribal Governments.

Website: <http://epa.gov/region6/index.htm>

Pollution Prevention Information Network Grants

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Deadline: 07/31/2006

Under the authority of the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990, EPA anticipates that approximately \$700,000 will be available to support grants to States in Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 for programs to promote the use of successful pollution prevention techniques by businesses and technical assistance providers. This grant program seeks to increase access to pollution prevention information and ensure this information is available to all facilities, businesses, or technical assistance providers. Federal funds must be matched dollar for dollar in this grant program. The maximum cost of an application is \$240,000 with \$120,000 from Federal funding.

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Total funding available: \$700,000

Maximum Grant Size: \$120,000

Eligible Applicants: States, State entities (colleges and universities), Tribes, and Intertribal Consortia.

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Joint Hurricane Testbed

U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Deadline: letter of intent **07/31/2006**

The Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), is soliciting letters of intent under the United States Weather Research Program (USWRP), as administered by the USWRP Joint Hurricane Testbed (JHT). This notice also provides guidelines for the submission of full proposals and describes the application procedures for the transfer of relevant research and technology advances into tropical cyclone analysis and forecast operations. This notice calls for researchers to submit proposals to test and evaluate, and modify if necessary, in a quasi operational environment, their own scientific and technological research applications. Projects satisfying metrics for success and operational constraints may be selected for operational implementation by the operational center(s) after the completion of the JHT funded work.

Maximum Grant Size: \$200,000

Number of Awards: 15 – 20

Eligible Applicants: institutions of higher education, other non-profits, commercial organizations, and state, local and Indian tribal governments, and Federal agencies.

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Texas Outdoor Recreation Grants

Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife

Deadline: **07/31/2006**

This program provides 50% matching grant funds to acquire and develop parkland or to renovate existing public recreation areas. Projects must be completed within three years of approval.

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

Eligible Applicants: cities, counties, MUDs and other special districts

Website: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/grants/trpa/#wcf>

Texas Indoor Recreation Grants

Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife

Deadline: **07/31/2006**

The program provides 50% matching grant funds to municipalities, counties, MUDs, and other local units of government to construct recreation centers, community centers, nature centers and other facilities.

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Maximum Grant Size: \$637,500

Website: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/grants/trpa/#lwcf>

Texas Community Outdoor Outreach Program (COOP) Grants

Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife

Deadline: 10/01/2006

The COOP grant helps to introduce under-served populations to the **services, programs, and facilities** of Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. This is not a land acquisition/construction grant; this is only for programs and services.

Maximum Grant Size: \$30,000

Eligible Applicants: non-profit organizations, schools, municipalities, counties, cities, and other groups.

Website: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/grants/trpa/#lwcf>

Tony Hawk Foundation Accepting Applications for Public Skatepark Grant Program

Deadline: 10/01/2006

The Tony Hawk Foundation works to promote high-quality public skateparks in low-income areas throughout the United States. Since 2002, the foundation has awarded 291 skatepark grants worth more than \$1.3 million. The foundation's board of directors meets twice annually to review grant applications from municipalities and community groups pursuing public skateparks. The board favors projects that demonstrate the greatest need, significant involvement of skaters at every step of the skatepark process, and a commitment to hiring experienced skatepark specialists to ensure a quality park.

Maximum Grant Size: \$1,000 to \$25,000

Eligible Applicants: must be public charities organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and qualified under Section 170(B)(1)(A), or a state or local agency (including public school systems or public projects). Projects most likely to receive funding will be located in low-income areas and can demonstrate strong community and grassroots support.

Website: http://www.tonyhawkfoundation.org/grant_application.asp

Fund for Wild Nature

Deadline: 11/03/2006

This funding would provide money for campaigns to save and restore native species and wild ecosystems, including actions to defend wilderness and biological diversity. The fund supports advocacy, litigation, public policy work, development of citizen science, and similar endeavors. The fund does not support basic scientific research, private land acquisition, individual action or study, or conferences. The fund will only support media projects that have a clear strategic value and a concrete plan for dissemination of the final product. The fund supports biocentric goals that are premised on effective and intelligible strategies, with special attention to ecological issues not currently receiving sufficient public attention and funding. The fund seeks proposals with visionary yet realistic goals to create tangible change. All proposals must be highly cost effective. The fund rarely supports proposals from organizations with annual budgets greater than \$250,000, and only supports projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. No individual or organization may receive more than one grant per calendar year.

Website: <http://www.fundwildnature.org/proposal.html>

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Grants to Protect and Preserve the Environment

Deadline: 11/30/2006

2007 Sea World/Busch Gardens/Fuji film Environmental Excellence Awards recognize the outstanding efforts of students and teachers across the country who are working at the grassroots level to protect and preserve the environment.

Maximum Award: \$10,000

Eligibility: All schools (grades K-12) and community groups.

Website: <http://news.publiceducation.org/t/4602/214183/77/0/>

For information on these and other funding opportunities, please contact:

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